

Freeport, Maine is still open to visitors 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

L.L. Bean has since grown to become a global retail giant. The company achieved over \$1.52 billion in sales last year while providing over 4,900 full-time jobs. Shoppers can visit any one of the retail or outlet stores located throughout the United States and Japan, or purchase quality products online. Despite its success in appealing to consumers from all over the world, L.L. Bean is beloved for retaining its uniquely Maine character.

From July 4th to 7th, L.L. Bean will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with music, parades, and a fireworks display. I am pleased to be one of the countless individuals throughout Maine who will be congratulating L.L. Bean, and all of its employees, on achieving this impressive milestone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating L.L. Bean on its tremendous success over the last 100 years.

#### HONORING SENATOR MARGARITA PRENTICE ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE WASHINGTON STATE SENATE

**HON. ADAM SMITH**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Margarita Prentice as she retires from the Washington State Senate after 24 years of distinguished public service. Representing Washington's 11th Legislative District, her constituents included residents of Seattle, Renton, and SeaTac.

Senator Prentice's voice as a healthcare champion has been invaluable and has bettered our community. She previously worked as a registered nurse at Valley Medical Center and in recognition of her career in public service and leadership, the Emergency Services Tower at Valley Medical Center is named in her honor.

The Senator's contributions have been recognized by many throughout the years. She has dedicated countless hours of hard work on behalf of her constituents in the 11th District and all of Washington State. She has been recognized as the 2008 Children's Advocate by the Pediatric Interim Care Center and in 2007 was named by the Community Health Care Network of Washington as their Health Care Champion. She has also been named Legislator of the Year by the Washington State Nurses Association and Washington State Dental Hygienists Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is with respect and great pleasure that I recognize the work Senator Prentice has done for Washington State's 11th Legislative District.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote in the House chamber on June 21, 2012. Had I been

present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 411.

I was also unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for one vote on June 26, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 414, 416 and 419 and "nay" on rollcall votes 412, 413, 415, 417, 418, 420, 421, 422 and 423.

#### HONORING EZEKIEL DEMPSEY

**HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following Proclamation:

Whereas, the birth of Ezekiel Dempsey in the state of North Carolina in the 1800's began the Dempsey family lineage which has blessed us with descendants that have helped to shape our nation; and

Whereas, the Dempsey Family has produced many well respected citizens and the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Dempsey Family are pillars of strength that have touched many throughout our nation, family members of the past and present such as Rev. Tom Dempsey, Stephen Dempsey, William Dempsey, James Dempsey and Sarah Dempsey; and

Whereas, in our beloved Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, we are honored to have members of the Dempsey family for they are some of our most beloved citizens in our District; and

Whereas, family is one of the most honored and cherished institutions in the world, we take pride in knowing that families such as the Dempsey family have set aside this time to fellowship with each other, honor one another and to pass along history to each other by meeting at this year's family reunion in DeKalb County, Georgia; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Dempsey family;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim June 8, 2012 as Dempsey Family Reunion Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 8th day of June, 2012.

#### THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RACHEL CARSON NATURE TRAIL DESIGNATION ACT OF 2012

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing the Rachel Carson Nature Trail Designation Act of 2012 to recognize Rachel Carson, an environmental pioneer and inspiration for the development of environmental consciousness and the environmental movement, best known for her groundbreaking book *Silent Spring*. September marks the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *Silent Spring*, which has been translated into more than a dozen foreign languages. My bill designates a National Park Service trail in the District of Columbia in honor of Rachel Carson.

Ms. Carson was born on May 27, 1907, on a farm in Springdale, Pennsylvania, graduated magna cum laude with a biology degree from the Pennsylvania College for Women (later Chatham College), and received a full scholarship that enabled her to obtain a master's degree in marine zoology from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. A world-renowned environmental scientist, writer, and educator, Ms. Carson worked as a writer, editor, and ultimately Editor-in-Chief for the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service's publications department.

Ms. Carson lived in a city, not in the wilderness or in rural America. She accomplished much of her seminal professional work as a federal employee at the U.S. Department of the Interior in the District. She often used the Glover Archbold Park in the District as a site from which she drew observations about nature and the environment. She performed research on dangers of pesticides, and her findings were sustained by the Science Advisory Committee, created during President John F. Kennedy's administration. As a result, federal and state legislatures enacted pesticide legislation. Her work paved the way for groundbreaking environmental protection legislation throughout the world.

Ms. Carson was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters and received many other honors. She died on April 14, 1964, in Silver Spring, Maryland, leaving a rich legacy that will continue to benefit present and future generations well beyond the fiftieth anniversary of *Silent Spring*.

My bill serves to commemorate Rachel Carson for her tireless efforts to make the District of Columbia, the United States, and, indeed, the world a better and safer place for us all. The trail designated by the bill, located in the NPS's Glover Archbold Park in the District of Columbia, will be known as the "Rachel Carson Nature Trail." The bill ensures that Rachel Carson's contributions, many of which resulted from observations in Glover Park, will be remembered and treasured for years to come.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### I CANNOT SUPPORT A TAINTED PROCESS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I cannot support a tainted process. Congress generally, and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee specifically, has the duty and obligation to provide effective oversight. Congress should not be interrupted in that process, but neither should that process be sullied.

Under the Constitution, Congress has the authority to compel testimony and issue subpoenas. When the President of the United States exercises the right of Executive Privilege and there is a dispute over whether that exercise is a valid one, the matter should then be referred to the courts. I have stated this publicly and frequently. While Congress has the authority to compel the information being protected by the Presidential exercise of privilege, the process by which H.R. 706 has been brought to the floor has been tainted.